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**BRONX MOTHER AND DAUGHTER TAX PREPARERS CHARGED WITH
CONSPIRACY AND AIDING IN THE FILING OF FRAUDULENT RETURNS**

DAVID N. KELLEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that IRIS SANTANA, 53, and her daughter JULISA SANTANA, 34, were arrested today on charges filed in Manhattan federal court of conspiracy and aiding and assisting the filing of fraudulent income tax returns, arising from their preparation of federal individual income tax returns for others.

The Indictment alleges that the defendants worked as tax preparers under the name of "Mother & Daughter's Agency" in the Bronx and have prepared a number of fraudulent income tax returns falsely claiming Earned Income Tax Credit. The SANTANAS did so by inflating or creating fictitious earnings and fictitious occupations for their clients, whose chief or sole source of income was public assistance, so that they appeared to qualify for the tax credit.

Assistant United States Attorney PETER B. SOBOL is in charge of the case.

The charges contained in the Indictment are merely

accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless convicted in a court of law.

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